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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DATE:

February 24, 1981

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John W. Applegate, EPE, DWPC/FOS, Region 4

SUBJECT:

CRAWFORD COUNTY - Follow-up to February 20 & 21, 1981, Briggs Mfg. 0il Spill

On the above date, I met with Mr. Jack Warren and Mr. Jeff Chandle of Briggs Mfg. They reported that the amount of oil in the creek had diminished but were still concerned about the source. Mr. Warren said that the REACT had left Saturday and that they had been continuing the cleanup operation since then. He said that they would be keeping the booms and pads on the creek until all the oil is cleaned up.

He still did not think that Briggs was the source of the oil and wanted us to check out E. H. Baare. I told him that we would be comparing the oil in the creek to the cutting oil found at Baare as well as the oil in the diked area and the fuel oil sample (which I obtained during this visit).

Even if it did turn out to be from the 150,000-gallon tank, the problem should be solved since they have installed a new valve and pipe. This replaces the old system which had sprung a leak and may have caused the oil spill. I left the area with the understanding that Briggs would keep monitoring the creek and would clean up any accumulated oil.

I checked two points downstream, Gordon Junction and Jackson Road bridge. Gordon Junction showed no trace of oil and Jackson Road bridge was vastly improved over its condition on Saturday, February 21, 1981.

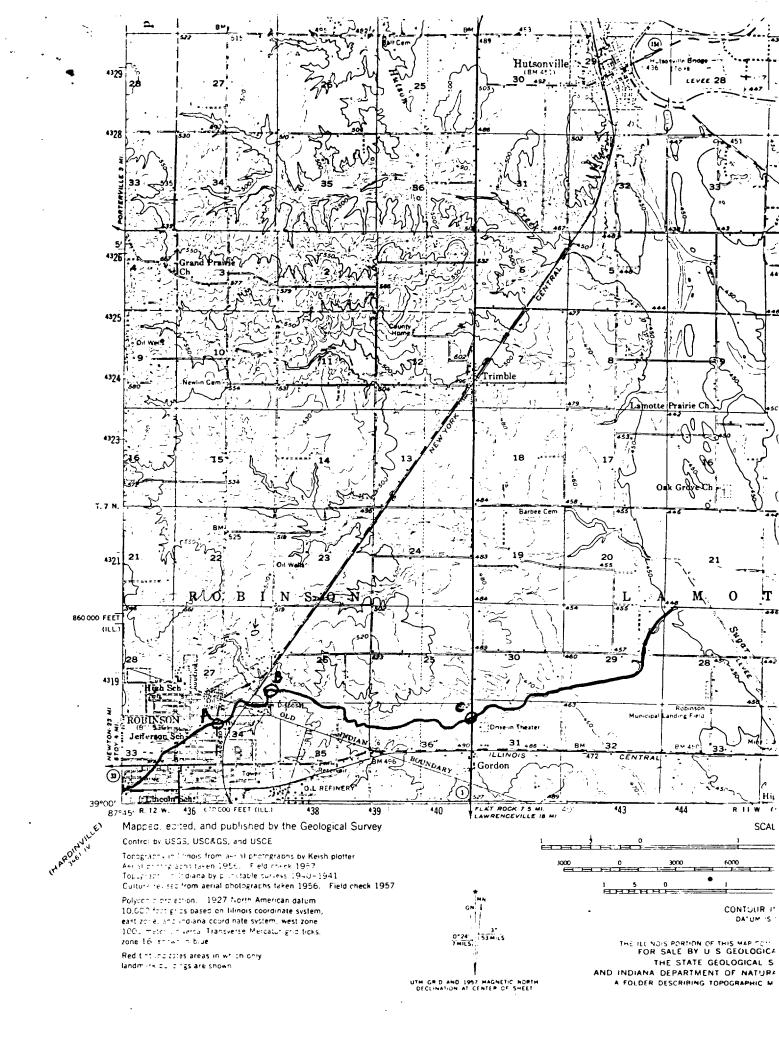
Three days later, I contacted Mr. Warren by phone and he reported that no more oil was accumulating behind the dams and that he thought the incident was essentially over. He did say that he would keep the booms, dams and pads on the stream as long as needed.

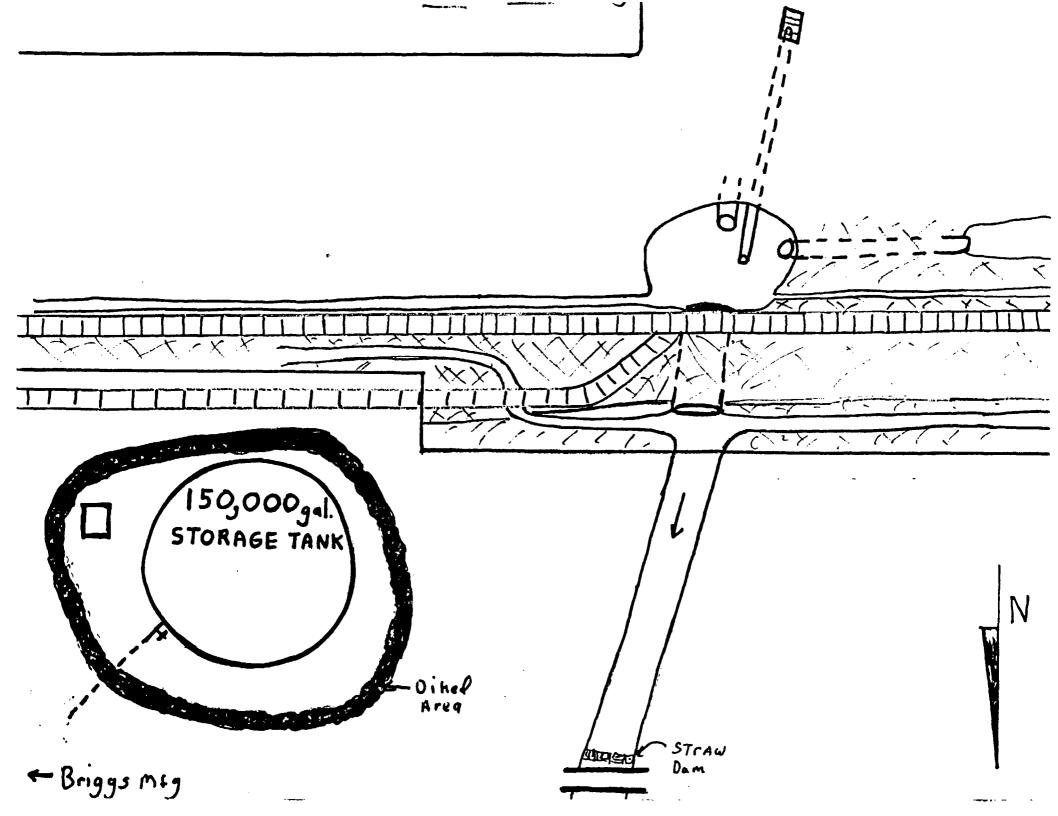
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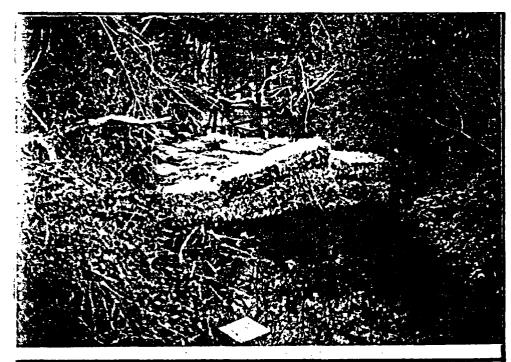
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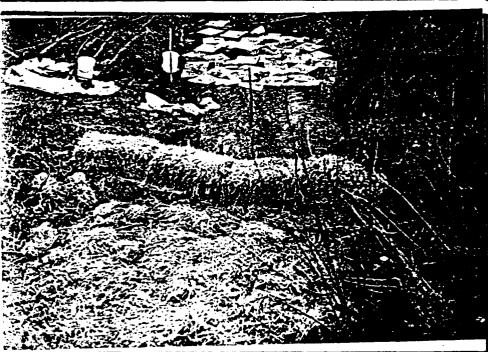
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